THE POCAHONTAS TIMES on their pillows.

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A case of very considerable interest that the pulpit and the school teachin a live stock country was the trial ers try to spread the word, that the I referred to it in a former article as of Divers Sharp of the Williams Riv- shepherds are up and no longer are a flicker. That is when the lamp of er country on the charge of stealing they consenting parties to the lifting knowledge flickered and went out. sheep. This is one of the grievous of sheep.

crimes known to common law. Sheep are highly important in the scheme of mountain life. They are highly prolific and hardy and valuable. Or could be killed in these mountains they are barren and worthless, and legally and there is reason to believe ly nut-hatch almost eating out of my die like sheep as the saying is. The that they have increased to a consid- hand, I find it impossible to keep dogs worry them and destroy them erable extent. A open season has from talking about it, and if you do and discourage the industry, and to been proclaimed largely on account not want to hear about nut-hatehes the uneducated eye one sheep looks of the fact that a good many impor-much like another and they are easily tant men felt that if the time did not house. lost or mislaid. They pay dividends come soon that they would never twice a year, in the spring when the have a chance to kill one more deer wool crop comes in and in the fall Men who remember when they could when the lambs go upon the market. count on getting some deer every fail And they are subject to loss through just as they counted on husking corn. theft on the two occasions. In the And it came to pass in those days, spring the removing of the fleece that as the time for butchering hogs bird only knows as to whether he is changes the tout ensemble so effec- drew nigh, the wife would say unto tively that the owner might pass the her husband: Day after tomorrow we sheep in the big road and not know kill hogs, and yet verily we have no it, and in the fall the roads are venison to put in the sausage. Take with him still. thronged with close packed droves ye then your gun and go across the and a stray sheep is as a needle in a creek and over the ridge to the salt squirrels. I find that peanuts is a haystack. Sheep in the range along log, and bring me the fat buck that cheap and convenient food universalthe road will even insist on joining a uses there. So early in the morning the goodwith them, and ti e honest drover is nan taketh down his gun and put- to Biltmore by telling the lodge-keepput to much trouble and pains to teth a deer load therein and hastens er that we had come all the way from keep stray sheep out of the drifting forth while it is yet night and goes to the north to feed peanuts to the mass brings him in.

Then to every man and drover comes the moment to decide,

In the strife of Right and Wrongful. for the good or evil side,

When some fat and fickle wether jumps stiff legged in the road,

And insists on being numbered with the sheep of his car load;

Then he puts the devil from him, and

he cuts the stranger out.

The wool crop of the county has has been well acquired and this is a is every reason why sheep should not can testify to that. be the sole source of income when the perils of the business are so great.

the successful shepherd.

ould tell you what bird it is I would not have forgotten it. Yes, I do As to the rest of the men who think they have a right to be careless with know what the bird is that I forgot other men's sheep, the only way open It is the grackle. A lady turned the is to communicate with them is conversation on me the other day and through the county press, but that I missed out on grackle, but I bet I in itself may not be sufficient to those would know the corn-pulling son of a who cannot read, so in addition to gun if I saw him again even I never the power of the press we suggest knew him by that name.

The bird I learned is the nut hatch It was no flicker, and I was inclined

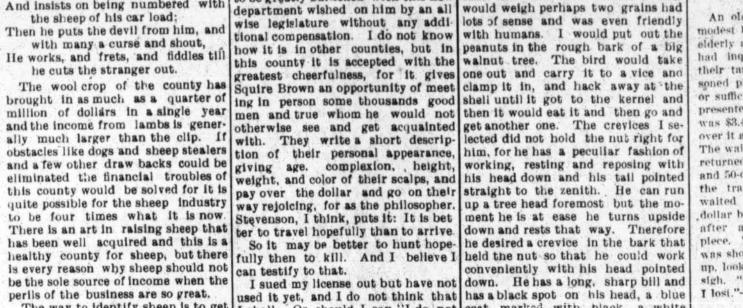
you had better stay away from our

I did not like him on his first appearance. 'There is more than one of them, but I the one I am intimate with is the head of the family, that is he is the old bird. Every heart knoweth its own bitterness, and the treated with proper respect by Mrs Nut-hatch who is hanging around

1 was putting out peanuts for the ly appreciated by wild animals One time a bunch of us tried to break inthe lick log and slays the deer and swans. He was entertained by the

conversation but did not let us in. I soon found that this bird was watching for the peanuts and would clerk these days to get a hunter's li- beat the squirrels to them, and I

cense for one dollar cash good during would shoo him away and give the the calendar year. The clerk seems squirrels a chance. Then I found out to be greatly burdened with this new that this bird with a brain that



The way to identify sheep is to get I shall. Or should I say "I do not coat marked with black, a white to know them by their faces just as think I will." "Shall" or "will," I breast, and a patch of red down unpeople are distinguished. And the never learned how to use them and der a square tail, and is about six ability to know sheep is what marks never will. I believe I can make it inches long.

plainer by saying that I will not go The Bible says let your conversa-Last spring the question of sheep hunting of my own volition, unless 1 tion be yea, yea. This bird literally stealing had become so acute that a shall be obliged to defend myself adopts that injunction. Just at the number of farmers made up a reward from a deer running over me, and it break of dawn, I can hear him shout for conviction of sheep thieves and has been many a weary year since ing ont yay-yay! The books give it that part of the county seems to have that happened, and that only when I that he says yank yank! followed got through the season better. The deliberately placed myself at some by ya-ya! This one does not. He unknown were communicated with place where deer are accustomed to says yay yay! That is his word. I through the newspaper and that is cross a stream, or go through a notch dirst tried to make Cheer up! out of about the only way that you can get in a mountain. it and it is not hard to make that out the word through to the underworld They tried a man down south the of it, but 1 finally come to the sometimes. other day for killing another man, conclusion that yay-yay, is what it is It was a sad case that was tried at and his defense was that the deceased in the original sanscrit. the late term of the court. The de had sent him word that the next The bird has finally become more fendant was a man owning a small time they met that he would shoot popular than the squirrels and he is farm; he was heavily in debt; he was him. The trial judge instructed the a hard worker; he had a wife and jury that it was the duty of the pris welcome to the peanuts as long as they hold out. What I am wondereight children. There was never a oner when he got such word to have ing now is whether he will spend the day too cold and rough but what he avoided meeting the threatener, winter with us but I look for him to might be seen with wagon and team which may not be taw but which is make the southern tour. bringing loads of lumber into town, good common sense. But the appei About that name, nut hatch. It and starting for home ten miles up a late court said that instruction did does not have anything to do with mountain about dark. not properly propound the law for hatching eggs. It is hatch as used in The sheep that got him into trouunder that rule a man might not be the combination hatchet. It means ble belonged to M. L. Beard and were able to go home, and the prisoner was that he uses his bill as a hatchet, to thirteen of a flock of two hundred given a new trial. So a man need hack, or as the artists say to hatch and twenty on Mr. Beard's Days Run not give ground to an infuriated deer, with. They used to work flax with a property in the immediate neighbor- but it will be much wiser to do so, toothed instrument called a hatchel hood of the defendant's farm. Days for it is hard to get such an excuse The bird's name is , clearly derived from its treatment of nuts, and 'if it'

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Run is a beautiful little trout stream accepted. that enters Williams River just above the Meadows.

Some sheep having turned up missing, a systematic search was made and many a man has had a big buck of hack. on other lands in that vicinity. The marked down all summer, and that You are queer, Mister Nuthatch, the Beard sheep were well marked with same buck is apt to be ambushed and a norse shoe tar mark back of the shot as he goes to his bed in the grim shoulder, and one ear had been changed by cutting off the lower or "belly" of ear long ways. About the first of June, the main herd had not been ing season. Deer have certain places above the fly line in walking distance of some salting place and many of sheared, but they came on one of the these deer are going to be destroyed missing sheep on the lands of the dethis year. It is a vexed question. I fendant, and this sheep was sheared think the local hunters are entitled It's my back claw, and pointed front and the ear mark changed. It showto an open season. It is clearly a ed two notches above and two below on each ear, and that was the ear observed, and about all the deer hunmark of the defendant. The search ters worthy of the name are elderly When ever in need of repose. was then continued and directed to men and entitled to some relief. wards the flock of the defendant and They are going to find the mountains thirteen sheep were found and iden steeper and higher than they were tified. The marking by notches was before, and some of them may have very recent, the wounds not having to do like a famous old rifleman that wholly healed. Learning where the I remember years ago, and put on wool of the defendant had been marfour pairs of specs to draw a bead on keted at a Marlinton store the fleeces the game, but the old boys have got were found and in some cases it was another chance. Let them go to it. apparent that a tar mark had been I can remember the days of home clipped off. The arrest trial and conspun clothes. And in those days it viction followed. A second prosecuwas the custom at many farm houses tion for another bunch of sheep. The to throw the deer antlers on the roof Shearer sheep, followed and there of a shed fronting to the road, where were two felony indictments on the docket to be tried, and a verdict of guilty having been brought in, and it appearing that there was a chance so carelessly displayed of late years for the the sentences to run concur-rently, the defendant and his counsel cccur that a doe was killed inadvermade a virtue of a necessity, and tently and then a pair of horns would plead guilty to the second indictment come in handy. and the court sentenced the prisoner Or you might have a friend who to two years in the pen in each case, shall come to you at midnight, and but very mercifully allowed the sen-tences to run concurrently so it is of deer horns, for my oldest son-has

possible that freedom may be restored had the misfortune to kill a fat doe. to him in twenty months. It is go and the game warden is in the neighing to be a hard time with this .de- borhood, and has got wind of the ocfendant. He is a lean man about currence, and W he comes around toforty years old and is no more inured morrow morning, I have no horns to to confinement than a wild deer. set before him. And the winds will howl over the

Williams River mountain this winter and is being administerd wisely and and not find Divers in thin clothing driving his team along the fozen road. need any game law to keep us good.

A number of years ago a man was The older I get the more I realize sent from this county to the pen for that such things as deers are more stealing sheep and it was related that than a match for me, and that they in the course of his travels that mut- are in no danger from my wobbling ton was set before him and he was moved to remark that he never liked how to look out for his own skin. mutton anyway.

It is hard on the defendant and his I learned another bird. I have no undersigned on Clover Creek and at \$1.50 to \$2.50 according to color, type amily but the way of the transgress. doubt forgotten a bird in the mean. Stony Bottom, and the Hevener land and size. family but the way of the transgress-doubt forgotten a bird in the mean-or is hard, and there is no doubt that time. I cannot say what bird it iifs sheep owners generally rest easier have forgotten, for it is obvious II

There is one phase about this open was called the nut hack, it would be season for deer that was not fully plainer now, though when it was discounted, and that is that many named, hatch was the common form

> young man said. But your nerves are wonderful, steady:

gray dawn of the first day of the hunt You seem to contsnually stand on your head, Does it make you not giddy and

> heady? Yay, yay, the Nuthatch replied to

concession, but the law has been well It seems to be natural for me to up



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